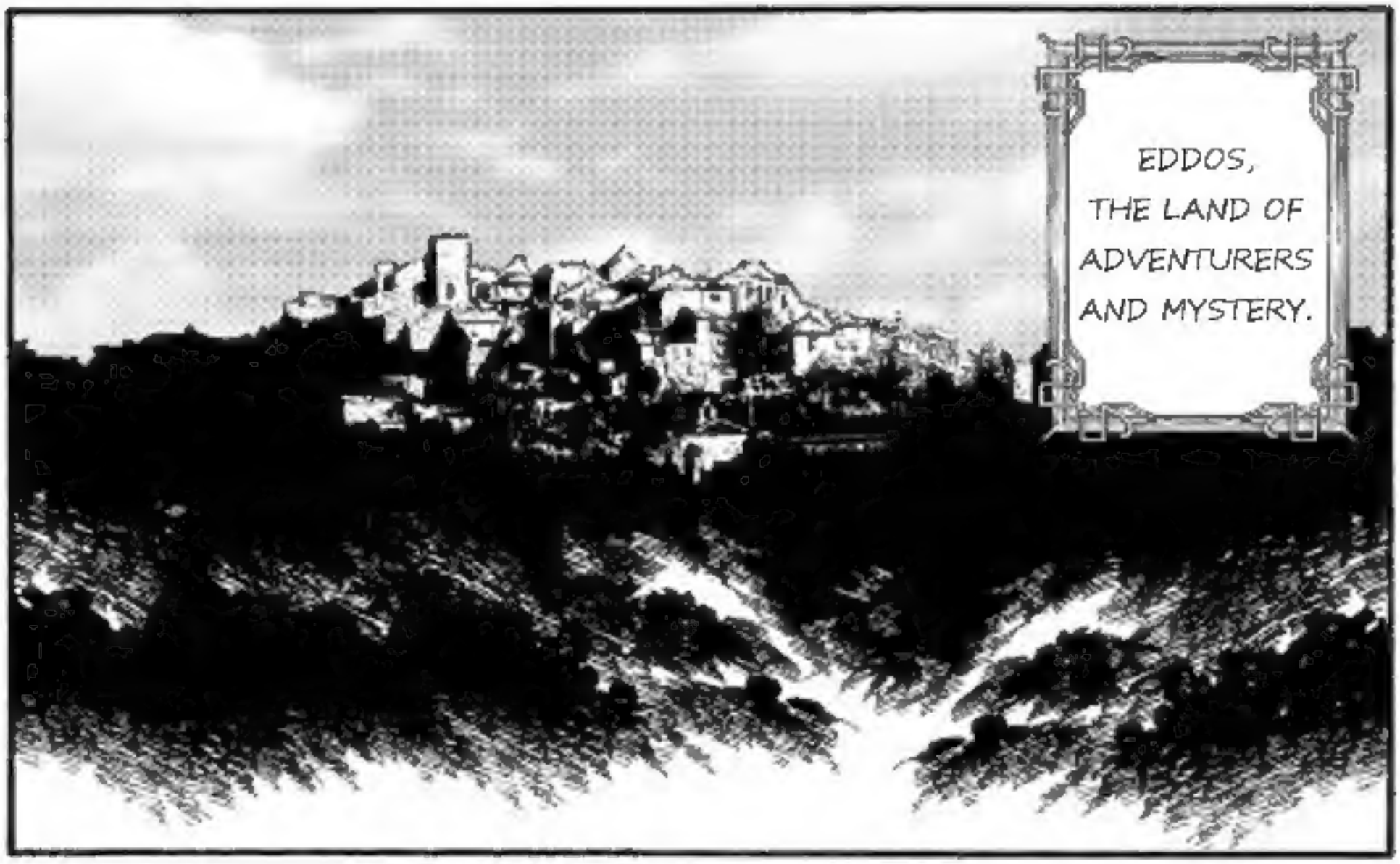
EDDOS,
THE LAND OF
ADVENTURERS
AND MYSTERY.

AND MANY OF THE ANCIENT ZEELES KINGDOM'S RUINS THAT WERE BUILT TO USE THE LEY LINES STILL STAND HERE.
LOCATED MORE OR LESS IN THE CENTER OF THE HUMAN LANDS,
BECAUSE OF ALL OF THAT, MANY ADVENTURERS GATHER IN THIS COUNTRY.
OVER 70% OF THEIR DOMAIN IS COVERED IN FOREST AND HOME TO VARIOUS BEASTS AND MONSTERS,

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3 MONTHS AFTER THE GALGANI EMPIRE'S TOURNAMENT,

カの月

俺たちはエッドス帝国の首都リネーコルにいた

WE WERE IN EDDOS' CAPITAL, LINECOL.

NO NEED TO LOOK SO GLOOMY.

WANT ONE?

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THREE SKEWERS.

AFTER I HAD MINAGI DECIPHER THOSE LETTERS

WE LEARNED THAT THE MELRA WORSHIPERS ARE UP TO SOMETHING.

BUT THAT WAS ALL WE COULD FIGURE OUT.

ANYWAYS, THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF ADVENTUR-ERS HERE.

I GUESS.

YOU HAD A REASON FOR COMING HERE, DID YOU NOT?

SHOULDN'T YOU DEAL WITH THAT?

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THIS IS A SMALL COUNTRY WITH HARDLY ANY LAND NOT COVERED BY FORESTS.

BUSINESS SEEMS TO BE DOING WELL TOO.

AD-VEN-TUR-ERS ARE PRETTY MUCH JACKS OF ALL TRADES, HANDLING ANYTHING FROM SIMPLE DELIVERIES TO ESCORT MISSIONS TO INVESTIGATING RUINS.

MUCH OF THE WORK HERE IS HANDLED BY THEM.

THE ADVENTURERS ARE A MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME.

SO, WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

IT SHOULD BE...

OH, THERE IT IS.

THE DAWN FIREDRAKE.

I'D LIKE TO POST A REQUEST.

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WHETHER OR NOT IT'S ACCEPTED IS UP TO THE ADVENTURERS.

... THE STORE WILL TAKE A 10% FEE FOR POSTING IT

AND

WHERE TO?

WHAT ARE YOU REQUESTING?

I NEED AN ADVENTURER FAMILIAR WITH THE FOREST TO ACT AS A GUIDE.

THE DRAGONS' NEST.

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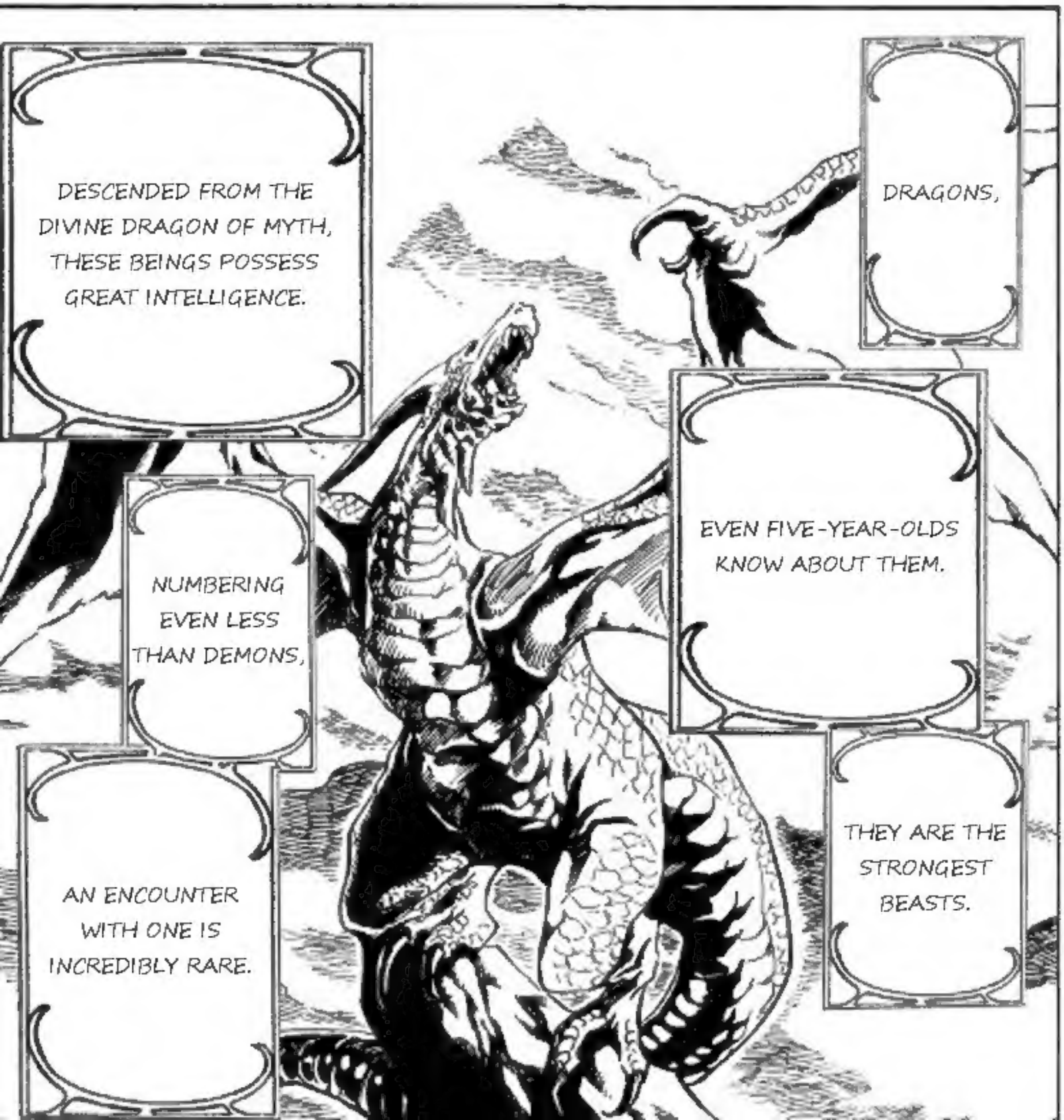
DESCENDED FROM THE DIVINE DRAGON OF MYTH, THESE BEINGS POSSESS GREAT INTELLIGENCE.
DRAGONS,
NUMBERING EVEN LESS THAN DEMONS,
EVEN FIVE-YEAR-OLDS KNOW ABOUT THEM.
AN ENCOUNTER WITH ONE IS INCREDIBLY RARE.
THEY ARE THE STRONGEST BEASTS.

RESULTING IN IT BEING CALLED THE DRAGON COUNTRY.

THE PLACE THEY'VE MADE THEIR HOME IS KNOWN AS THE DRAGONS' NEST.

HOWEVER, THERE IS AN ESPECIALLY HIGH NUMBER OF SPOTTINGS OF THEM HERE IN EDDOS,

I'M PAYING 100,000 GADRU.

I CAN'T TELL ANYONE MY REASON.

YOU PLAN ON BECOMING A DRAGON SLAYER?

... WHY DID YOU COME HERE?

I DON'T EVEN MIND IF THEY DON'T GUIDE ME BACK.

I'LL ALSO GRANT AN EXTRA REWARD ON TOP OF THAT ONE.

KAIL LENARD.

AND WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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AFTER ALL,

THAT'S WITHIN EXPEC-TATIONS.

YOU'RE RATHER INFAMOUS.

... SO YOU'RE KAIL...

WE WOULD GO AROUND VARIOUS RURAL VILLAGES THAT THE COUNTRY CAN'T READILY HELP

AND DEAL WITH ANY MONSTERS OR BANDITS FOR FREE.

WHILE WE WERE INVESTIGATING THE MELRA WORSHIPERS THESE PAST 3 MONTHS,

WE ALSO DID A LOT OF PHILANTHROPIC WORK TO MAKE ME MORE FAMOUS.

I ALSO PAID A NUMBER OF MINSTRELS TO

DRAMATIZE AND EXAGGERATE VARIOUS TALES ABOUT ME.

SIMPLY PUT,

I'M A BUSINESS RIVAL TO THEM.

NATURALLY, THE ADVENTURERS THAT MAKE A LIVING OFF SUBJUGATING MONSTERS AREN'T HAPPY WITH THAT.

BUT I DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL ACCEPT IT.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU'RE HEADED TO THE DRAGONS' NEST.

IF THEY DON'T, THEN THAT'S THAT.

WELL, I'LL POST IT,

I'LL BE BACK LATER.

SILDONIA, LET'S GO.

AL-RIGHT.

... WE'LL DO IT AS I PLANNED.

IN A FEW DAYS, I'LL SPREAD A RUMOR THAT YOU'VE HEADED OFF TO THE DRAGONS' NEST.

... YOU SURE DO SOME TROUBLESOME THINGS.

I JUST WANT TO STAND OUT WHENEVER I DO ANYTHING FROM NOW ON.

I NEVER EXPECTED ANY OF THE ADVENTURERS TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST.

YEAH.

I GET THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DRAGONS ARE INCLUDED IN THAT,

NATURALLY, I'M ONLY DOING IT BECAUSE I'VE GOT A CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING.

BUT ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

... BE-SIDES,

IN THAT CASE, JUST LEAVE THAT MATTER TO ME.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

HAVE NEVER INTERFERED IN THE MATTERS OF OTHER RACES,

HISTOR-ICALLY,

THE DRAGONS

BUT DURING

THE GREAT INVASION

THE DRAGONS ALLIED WITH THE DEMONS AND ATTACKED HUMANITY.